

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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by the Commission in this chapter for the protection of the public health and safety; and

(d) The applicant meets the requirements of part 30 of this chapter.

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§ 35.19 Specific exemptions.

The Commission may, upon application of any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant such exemptions from the regulations in this part as it determines are authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and are otherwise in the public interest. The Commission will review requests for exemptions from training and experience requirements with the assistance of its Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes.

Subpart B—General Administrative Requirements

§ 35.20 ALARA program.

(a) Each licensee shall develop and implement a written radiation protection program that includes provisions for keeping doses ALARA.

(b) To satisfy the requirement of paragraph (a) of this section:

(1) At a medical institution, management, the Radiation Safety Officer, and all authorized users must participate in the program as requested by the Radiation Safety Committee.

(2) For licensees that are not medical institutions, management and all authorized users must participate in the program as requested by the Radiation Safety Officer.

(c) The program must include notice to workers of the program's existence and workers' responsibility to help keep dose equivalents ALARA, a review of summaries of the types and amounts of byproduct material used, occupational doses, changes in radiation safety procedures and safety measures, and continuing education and training for all personnel who work with or in the vicinity of byproduct material. The purpose of the review is to ensure that licensees make a reasonable effort to maintain individual

and collective occupational doses ALARA.

§ 35.21 Radiation Safety Officer.

(a) A licensee shall appoint a Radiation Safety Officer responsible for implementing the radiation safety program. The licensee, through the Radiation Safety Officer, shall ensure that radiation safety activities are being performed in accordance with approved procedures and regulatory requirements in the daily operation of the licensee's byproduct material program.

(b) The Radiation Safety Officer shall:

(1) Investigate overexposures, accidents, spills, losses, thefts, unauthorized receipts, uses, transfers, disposals, misadministrations, and other deviations from approved radiation safety practice and implement corrective actions as necessary;

(2) Establish, collect in one binder or file, and implement written policy and procedures for:

(i) Authorizing the purchase of byproduct material;

(ii) Receiving and opening packages of byproduct material;

(iii) Storing byproduct material;

(iv) Keeping an inventory record of byproduct material;

(v) Using byproduct material safely;

(vi) Taking emergency action if control of byproduct material is lost;

(vii) Performing periodic radiation surveys;

(viii) Performing checks of survey instruments and other safety equipment;

(ix) Disposing of byproduct material;

(x) Training personnel who work in or frequent areas where byproduct material is used or stored;

(xi) Keeping a copy of all records and reports required by the Commission regulations, a copy of these regulations, a copy of each licensing request and license and amendments, and the written policy and procedures required by the regulations.

(3) Brief management once each year on the byproduct material program;

(4) Establish personnel exposure investigational levels that, when exceeded, will initiate an investigation by the Radiation Safety Officer of the cause of the exposure;